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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, Applicant submits the following remarks for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Summary of Interview begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview conducted on February 14, 2005.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

No exhibits or demonstrations were presented.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Independent Claims 9, 18, and 27-30 were discussed.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent No. 6,398,245 to Gruse, et al., and U.S. Patent No. 6,226,618 to Downs, et al. were discussed.

Proposed Amendments

No amendments were proposed.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicant's representative discussed the method of encryption recited in the claims. For example, one embodiment is shown in Applicant's Figures 4A-C. Applicant noted that features of the encryption process are not discussed in either Gruse or Downs.

Results of Interview

The Examiner stated that the claims were successfully distinguished from the Gruse and Downs references and that the next action would be either a Notice of Allowance or a non-final Office Action.